

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

September 22, 2017

### *This week's activities of note from the Town Manager's Office:*

- *The End of Summer Picnic and Bonfire at Corn Hill Beach scheduled for Saturday September 23, 2017 at 4 pm is cancelled due to the lingering effects of Tropical Storm Jose.*
- *The September 20<sup>th</sup> Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was opened and then immediately cancelled due to Tropical Storm Jose. The meeting has been postponed to **October 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm at Truro Town Hall.*
- *Staff worked collaboratively to create an incident action plan for Tropical Storm Jose that clarified each department's roles during the storm event and then each department completed their assigned storm event tasks as Jose unfolded. So far, Jose has not had significant impacts on safety, infrastructure, or power. Ballston Beach did wash over.*
- *The Board of Selectmen will convene a Police Chief Search Committee in the near future. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please fill out an application to serve and send it to me. There will be four community members on the committee.*

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Saturday, September 23, 2017-Truro Historical Commission @ Cobb Archive Building at 4:00 pm.
- Monday, September 25, 2017- Herring River Executive Council @ Wellfleet Council on Aging at 1:00pm.
- Monday, September 25, 2017-Taxation Aid Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 1:00pm.
- Monday, September 25, 2017-Energy Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 3:00pm.
- Tuesday, September 26, 2017-Truro Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Tuesday, September 26, 2017-Truro Beach Commission Joint Meeting with Truro Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Tuesday, September 26, 2017-Truro Cultural Council @ Truro Public Library at 6:30pm.

### **Department News:**

#### Police Department

- On September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Truro Police Department received a Training Grant and EMD/Regulatory Compliance Grant award letter, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security State 911 Department, in the amount of \$14,285.71. Thank you to Communications Supervisor Heidi A. Dyer and Telecommunicator Heather Pinargote for all the hard work they put in during the grant application process.

#### Fire Department

- The Department responded to 8 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 7 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 26 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- The Department participated in a regional water supply drill in the Town of West Barnstable. The goal of the drill was to flow water at a rate of 750 gallons/minute uninterrupted for two hours in a non-hydrant district (no available hydrants) through the use of water tenders. Participating towns were; West Barnstable, Centerville, Osterville, Hyannis, Mashpee, Plymouth, Truro and the Department of Conservation and Recreation. This was a great training for our firefighters and the total amount of water flowed was 81,500 gallons.
- The Fire Department, in conjunction with the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, and Department heads worked together in developing in an Incident Action Plan for Tropical Storm Jose to address potential storm related issues.

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- In keeping with Emergency Preparedness Month the Department would like to stress the need to be prepared for emergencies. One way to prepare is to be aware of the weather and potential changes to the weather forecast. Below is a link to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency's (MEMA) live weather radar map. This link contains live radar, warning and watches, temperature and wind, as well as precipitation forecasts.  
<http://memamaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=0da6e4d888b74317b52b7a5064aa3dc2>

### Department of Public Works

- DPW storm preparations began on Monday with the early removal of trash and recycling containers at the ocean side beaches. The miniature libraries and some of the larger signs, have also been removed. In addition, outdoor furniture was also put into storage for the Community Center and Library. All waterways have been cleared of debris, and will be checked on Monday, as will roads as part of the post storm clean-up.
- The installation for the roof on the single stream compactor, along with the installation of the concrete retaining wall at the Transfer Station has been delayed due to the weather. Both projects will continue on Monday.
- DPW Director Cabral reviewed plans with Mark Mckenzie of Mckenzie Engineering Consultants for installing a ramp and concrete platform for the single stream compactor to facilitate commercial hauler recycling.
- Beach break down will continue up until the third week of October with the removal of all signs, bike racks, mutt mitt containers, and trash/recycling containers on the bay side beaches.
- The Safety Facility exterior painting has also been delayed due to the weather. This past Monday, prior to the rain, the shingles were stained and sealed. Painting will continue next week.
- Online Sales for the Transfer Station permits continue with daily sales through personal computers and kiosk locations.

### Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
  - The Youth Soccer season has begun.
  - The Pamet After-School program is open for new registrations for the 2017 – 2018 season.
- Beach
  - Truro Beach Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2017.
  - The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and will reopen Saturday, June 9, 2018. Beach stickers are not required to park at the town's beaches until Saturday, June 16, 2018. Effective September 4, 2017 – June 8, 2018, all beach fire permits may be obtained at the Truro Fire Department by calling (508) 487-7548.

### Harbormaster

- Focus this week for the Harbormaster and Staff at Pamet Harbor was mainly on preparing for the storm:
  1. Secure restrooms, chairs, cones, and launch sign.
  2. The Center for Coastal Studies hauled their vessel and secured it in our parking lot.
  3. There were many floats vacant before the storm ready to be hauled out.
  4. Some larger and smaller boat owners rode out the storm with harbor staff helping with extra lines, hauling dinghies and keeping a vigilant eye during the week.
- Earlier in the week, before the storm, a couple of boatloads of bagged remote set oyster were placed in areas of the harbor that were previously surveyed by the Shellfish Warden.

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### Library

- The Friends of the Truro Library will be holding a book sale in front of the library on BOTH Saturday and Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The sale is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- On Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., Ellen Anthony will show a film "Auroville: City of the Dawn" and talk about her visit to this experimental community in India. Fifty years since its beginning, people from 40 different nations are living a version of Human Unity in all aspects of life – economy, work, spirituality, governance, and education. Q & A follows.
- On Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., you can join musician and teacher Julie Stepanek as she shows the fundamentals of ukulele playing. After a short lesson, you'll be able to play some fun and easy songs. No experience necessary. Don't forget that we have a ukulele that is available to be checked out of our "Library of Things".

### Administration

- With the closing of the Beach Office, we are processing a larger amount of Transfer Station access permits.
- The sale of ORV stickers has been transferred back to our office and will be available for sale from now through June 8, 2018.

### Attachments

1. Photos from Harbor Master

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